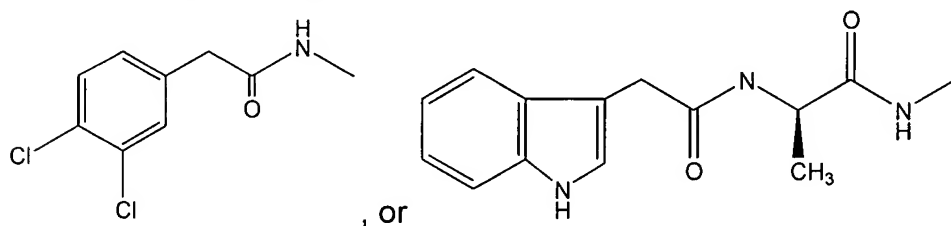


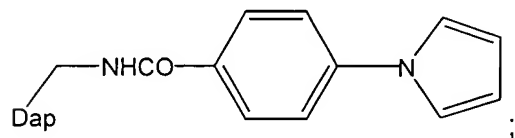
Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 9, 19-22, 25, 28, 30, 55, 63, 64, 71, 76, 79, 80 and 93 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add new Claims 94-110 as set forth below.

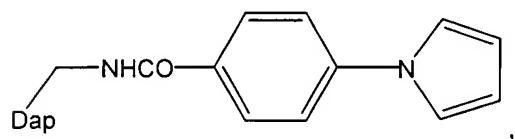
1 (original): An inhibitor of a protein kinase $C\alpha$ ($PKC\alpha$), the inhibitor comprising A-Ala-Arg-Arg-X-B-Hyd-C-D-, where A =AcHN-,



X=any amino acid or amino acid mimetic; B=Ala or a diaminopropionic acid (Dap) derivative having the formula



Hyd=Phe, Leu or Ile; C=Arg or Lys; and D=Ala or a Dap derivative having the formula



wherein any of the amino acids can alternatively be an analogous amino acid mimetic.

2-6 (canceled)

7 (original): The inhibitor of claim 1, wherein the $PKC\alpha$ is a human $PKC\alpha$.

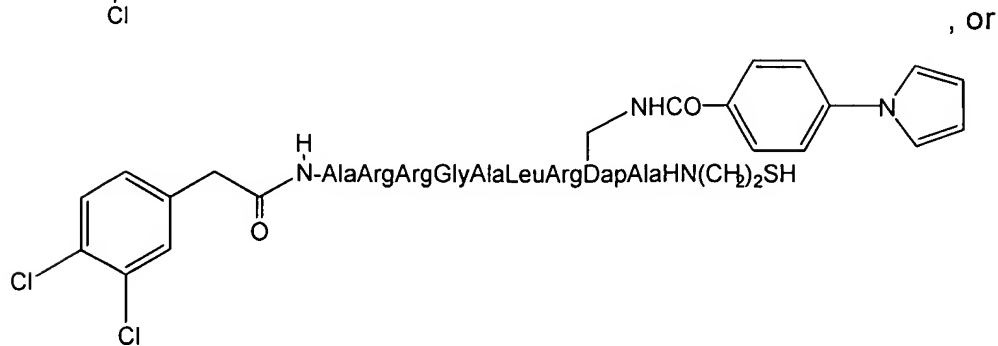
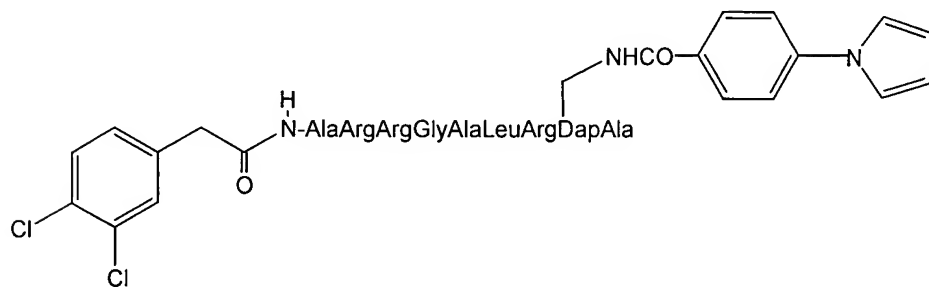
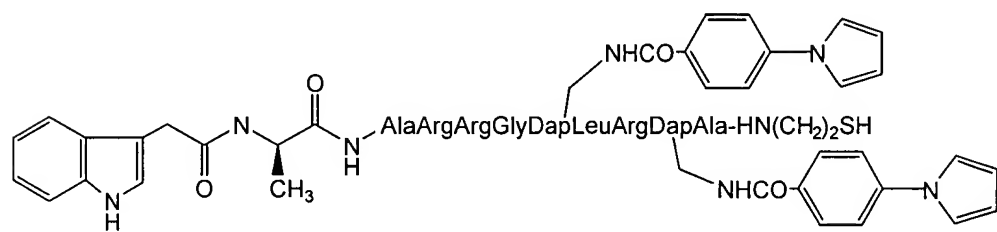
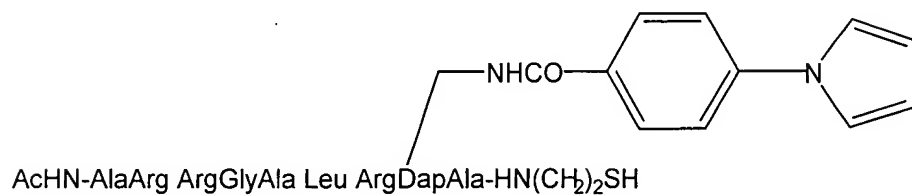
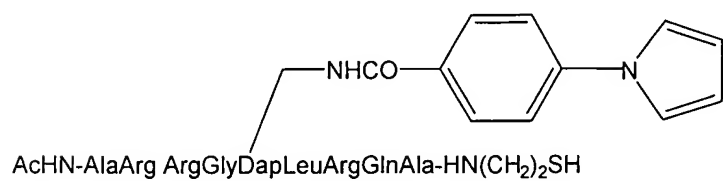
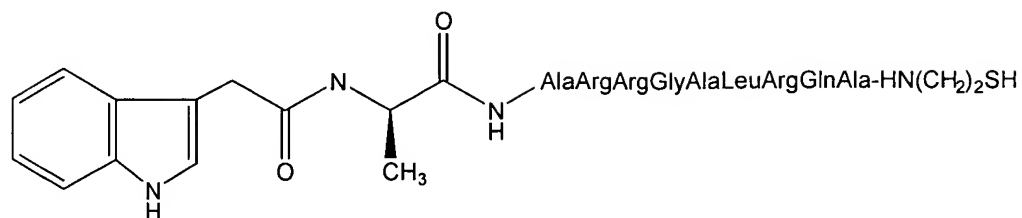
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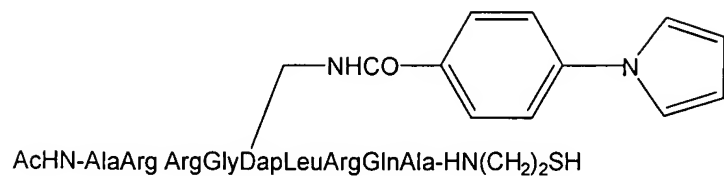
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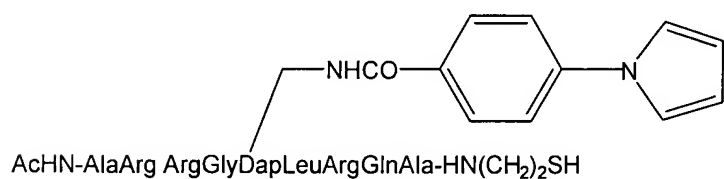
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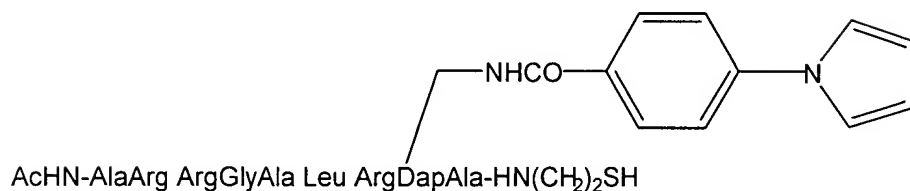
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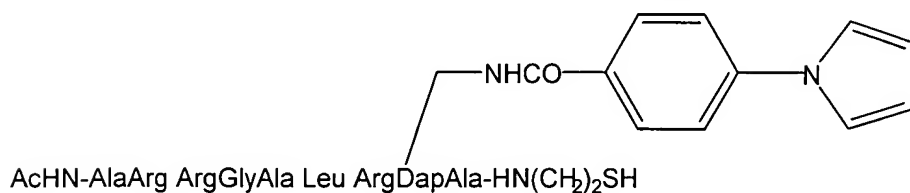
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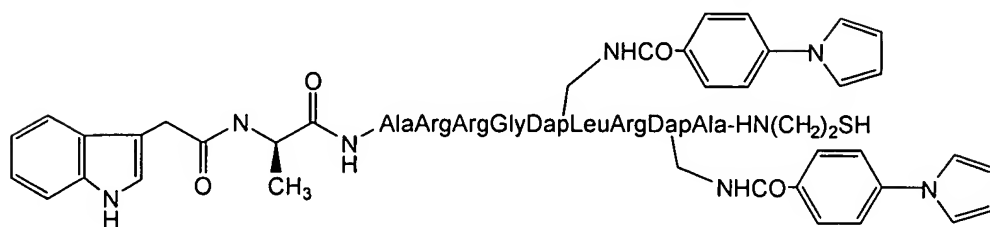
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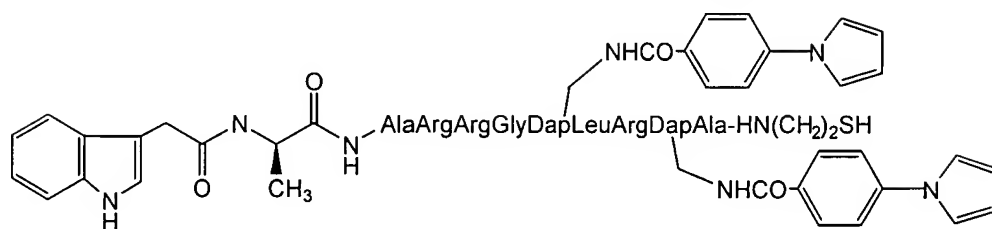
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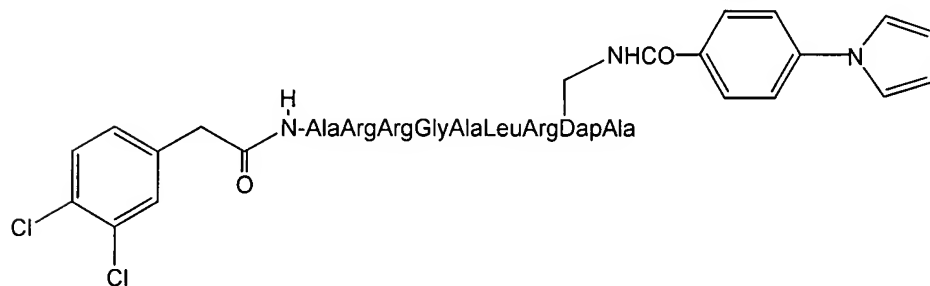
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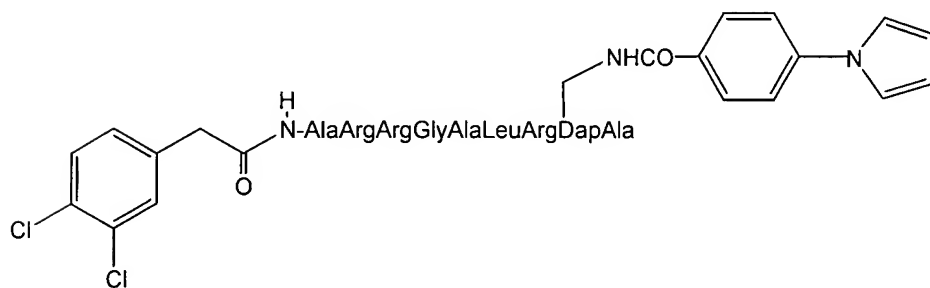
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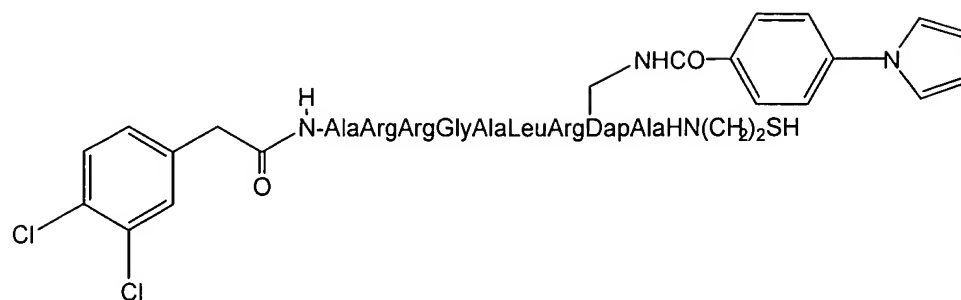
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